GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SAVING CHILDREN FROM DIARRHOEA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of children could be saved from diarrhoea by making available safe drinking water and improvement in sanitation services according to World Health Organization and UNICEF as reported in the Hindustan (Hindi Edition) dated 4 June,2005 ;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c) Safe Drinking Water and improvement in sanitation services are recognized as important interventions in preventing diarrhea. Government of India is implementing the Central Rural Sanitation Programme. Under this , the Department of Drinking Water Supply is implementing Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). Government of India has sanctioned Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects in 520 districts of the country to improve the sanitation scenario in the villages. The objectives of the TSC programme are to bring about an improvement in the general quality of life in the rural areas, accelerate sanitation coverage, generate felt demand for sanitation facilities through awareness creation and Health Education. Further the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) recently launched by the Government of India seeks to converge health concerns with determinants of health, sanitation, hygiene, nutrition & safe drinking water.